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CUBA.

Confirming cablegram of August 14, reporting a case of yellow fever.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the following facts regarding the case of yellow fever reported by telegraph this morning:

The patient, John H. Bernard, American, age 35, employee of Swift & Co., arrived here from Matanzas on July 27. First felt unwell on August 6, chief symptoms being constipation and bilious vomiting, and it was not until the evening of the 11th that it was thought necessary to call in a physician, who made a diagnosis of yellow fever on the following morning.

I first saw the case the evening of the 13th instant, when I was requested by the managers of Swift & Co. to visit the patient and make a diagnosis. This I did, but owing to there being insufficient light in the room I was unable to make a satisfactory examination. This morning I visited the case in company with the attending physician and satisfied myself that the diagnosis made was a correct one. The patient was removed and isolated and hotel quarters disinfected. Owing to the unsanitary condition of the hotel and the number of nonimmune Americans who came in contact with the case I think it not unlikely that other cases will develop. However, the number of Americans in town is not numerous and if any illness of a suspicious nature occurs among them the affected ones can be promptly isolated and watched.

The physician (Cuban) attending the above case informed me this morning that he attended a patient, who was a Spaniard, recently arrived on the island, about two weeks ago suffering from yellow fever. He claimed he isolated the case, and as all precautions were taken he did not consider it necessary to report it to the proper authorities.

Up to the present time I have been unable to trace any connection between the cases.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended August 18, 1900, 9 deaths have occurred in this city, from the following causes: Bright's disease, 1; enteritis, 2; mitral insufficiency, 1; paludism, 1; yellow fever, 1; laryngeal phthisis, 1; stillborn, 2. Four of these deaths occurred in the civil hospital. Death rate for the week is 11.74.

On the 14th instant I telegraphed you regarding a case of yellow fever I had seen that day at the Hotel Continental, this city. A history of the case was mailed you same day. Two days later I notified you that there was another case confined in the lazaretto. This man, a native of Spain, worked in a café adjoining the hotel and in the latter had his sleeping accommodations. He was taken ill on August 6 (same day as Bernard), but was not seriously sick until the 15th, when he went to the hospital. A diagnosis of yellow fever was made on the 16th and the case removed to the lazaretto, where he died the following morning from heart failure.

On the 13th a Spaniard who had been residing in Cienfuegos for some

months, all of which time he had lived at the Continental Hotel, was taken ill and on the 18th a diagnosis of yellow fever was made and he was removed from hotel and isolated.

Bernard, the American, who was the first case reported, occupied room 6 at the hotel, and the last case, that of the Spaniard, who had lived there for five months, occupied room 2, being separated from Bernard by 2 rooms. These 3 cases all originated at the hotel, their rooms being closely connected. Under these circumstances I do not consider that the infection of the hotel admits of any doubt.

The municipal authorities have taken the matter in hand and, I believe, are making efforts to disinfect the building and premises.

Of the 3 cases reported to date, 2 have died, and the remaining 1 is now under treatment, being isolated outside the city.

Eleven vessels have entered this port during the week and were inspected and passed. Seven vessels have received bills of health for ports outside this district during the week. One immigrant has been inspected and allowed to land during the week.

The following baggage arriving from Batabano on steamship *Josefita* was disinfected: 1 trunk, 3 valises.

The following baggage has been inspected and passed during the week: Five trunks, 22 valises, 5 bundles. Thirty-five health certificates have been issued to passengers during week.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 6 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week. No contagious diseases. Inspected 3 vessels at Casilda during the week.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports 1 death during the week. No contagious diseases. Inspected 5 vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report of immigration at Cienfuegos during the week ended August 18, 1900.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *August 20, 1900.*

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended August 18, 1900: August 17, steamship *Albis*, from Cartagena, with 1 Colombian immigrant.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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Reports from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, *August 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended August 11, 1900:

There have been 6 deaths from yellow fever, all except 1 among Spaniards. There are no more cases reported at present among American soldiers. The disease is fairly well distributed among American civilians living in different parts of the city. Among the new cases reported during the week 7 are Americans.

I would respectfully invite your attention to the number of deaths occurring in this city from meningitis. During the past week there were reported 16 deaths from this disease, and I find in looking over